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Controlled Substances Board Heeds Kleefisch's Call to Ban Synthetic Heroin

MADISON –Representative Joel Kleefisch called on the state's Controlled Substances Board to add U-47700 to the list of banned substances through administrative rule. U-47700, a synthetic heroin, is a new drug on the streets that has already laid claim to deaths here in our state. Today, the state's Controlled Substances Board voted to take affirmative action to make U-47700 illegal in Wisconsin.

As it is a different chemical makeup than heroin, U-47700 is currently legal in Wisconsin. According to the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, the drug is easily and cheaply accessible, with many obtaining this synthetic heroin through the internet.

Representative Kleefisch praised the Board's decision. "In our fight to stop the deadly effects and addiction of heroin, the Controlled Substances Board's action today is a major victory," said Representative Kleefisch. "U-47700 will soon be illegal in our state, starting November 7th of this year."

As the Board's action is just temporary, either a permanent rule will need to be put in place, or legislation will need to be passed making the change permanently in state law. Representative Kleefisch has drafted legislation that will make U-47700 permanently illegal in our state.

"Making this drug illegal is just the first step of our work here in Wisconsin," said Representative Kleefisch. "We need to keep the public informed of the dangers of opioid use and abuse and do whatever we can to aid law enforcement and help save lives in Wisconsin. Our Coalition to Combat Heroin is working hard to find ways to help stop heroin addiction and deaths in our state."

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